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AN ACT CONCERNING CAMPAIGN FINANCE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 9-333b of the general statutes is
- 2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective July
- 3 1, 2005):
- 4 (b) As used in this chapter, "contribution" does not mean:
- 5 (1) A loan of money made in the ordinary course of business by a
- 6 national or state bank;
- 7 (2) Any communication made by a corporation, organization or
- 8 association to its members, owners, stockholders, executive or
- 9 administrative personnel, or their families;
- 10 (3) Nonpartisan voter registration and get-out-the-vote campaigns
- by any corporation, organization or association aimed at its members,
- owners, stockholders, executive or administrative personnel, or their

13 families;

- 14 (4) Uncompensated services provided by individuals volunteering 15 their time;
 - (5) The use of real or personal property, and the cost of invitations, food or beverages, voluntarily provided by an individual to a candidate or on behalf of a state central or town committee, in rendering voluntary personal services for candidate or party-related activities at the individual's residence, to the extent that the cumulative value of the invitations, food or beverages provided by the individual on behalf of any single candidate does not exceed two hundred dollars with respect to any single election, and on behalf of all state central and town committees does not exceed four hundred dollars in any calendar year;
 - (6) The sale of food or beverage for use in a candidate's campaign or for use by a state central or town committee at a discount, if the charge is not less than the cost to the vendor, to the extent that the cumulative value of the discount given to or on behalf of any single candidate does not exceed two hundred dollars with respect to any single election, and on behalf of all state central and town committees does not exceed four hundred dollars in a calendar year;
 - (7) Any unreimbursed payment for travel expenses made by an individual who on the individual's own behalf volunteers the individual's personal services to any single candidate to the extent the cumulative value does not exceed two hundred dollars with respect to any single election, and on behalf of all state central or town committees does not exceed four hundred dollars in a calendar year;
 - (8) The payment, by a party committee, political committee or an individual, of the costs of preparation, display, mailing or other distribution incurred by the committee or individual with respect to any printed slate card, sample ballot or other printed list containing the names of three or more candidates;

- (9) The donation of any item of personal property by an individual to a committee for a fund-raising affair, including a tag sale or auction, or the purchase by an individual of any such item at such an affair, to the extent that the cumulative value donated or purchased does not exceed fifty dollars;
- 49 [(10) The purchase of advertising space which clearly identifies the 50 purchaser, in a program for a fund-raising affair, provided the 51 cumulative purchase of such space does not exceed two hundred fifty 52 dollars from any single candidate or the candidate's committee with 53 respect to any single election campaign or two hundred fifty dollars 54 from any single party committee or other political committee in any 55 calendar year if the purchaser is a business entity or fifty dollars for 56 purchases by any other person;
- [(11)] (10) The payment of money by a candidate to the candidate's candidate committee;
- [(12)] (11) The donation of goods or services by a business entity to a committee for a fund-raising affair, including a tag sale or auction, to the extent that the cumulative value donated does not exceed one hundred dollars;
 - [(13)] (12) The advance of a security deposit by an individual to a telephone company, as defined in section 16-1, for telecommunications service for a committee, provided the security deposit is refunded to the individual;
 - [(14)] (13) The provision of facilities, equipment, technical and managerial support, and broadcast time by a community antenna television company, as defined in section 16-1, for community access programming pursuant to section 16-331a, unless (A) the major purpose of providing such facilities, equipment, support and time is to influence the nomination or election of a candidate, or (B) such facilities, equipment, support and time are provided on behalf of a political party; or

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[(15)] (14) The sale of food or beverage by a town committee to an individual at a town fair, county fair or similar mass gathering held within the state, to the extent that the cumulative payment made by any one individual for such items does not exceed fifty dollars.

Sec. 2. Subsection (c) of section 9-333j of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 2005):

(c) (1) Each statement filed under subsection (a), (e) or (f) of this section shall include, but not be limited to: (A) An itemized accounting of each contribution, if any, including the full name and complete address of each contributor and the amount of the contribution; (B) in the case of anonymous contributions, the total amount received and the denomination of the bills; (C) an itemized accounting of each expenditure, if any, including the full name and complete address of each payee, including secondary payees whenever the primary or principal payee is known to include charges which the primary payee has already paid or will pay directly to another person, vendor or entity, the amount and the purpose of the expenditure, the candidate supported or opposed by the expenditure, whether the expenditure is made independently of the candidate supported or is an in-kind contribution to the candidate, and a statement of the balance on hand or deficit, as the case may be; (D) an itemized accounting of each expense incurred but not paid, provided if the expense is incurred by use of a credit card, the accounting shall include secondary payees, and the amount owed to each such payee; (E) the name and address of any person who is the guarantor of a loan to, or the cosigner of a note with, the candidate on whose behalf the committee was formed, or the campaign treasurer in the case of a party committee or a political committee or who has advanced a security deposit to a telephone company, as defined in section 16-1, for telecommunications service for a committee; [(F) for each business entity or person purchasing advertising space in a program for a fund-raising affair, the name and address of the business entity or the name and address of the person,

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and the amount and aggregate amounts of such purchases; (G)] (F) for each individual who contributes in excess of one hundred dollars but not more than one thousand dollars, in the aggregate, to the extent known, the principal occupation of such individual and the name of the individual's employer, if any; [(H)] (G) for each individual who contributes in excess of one thousand dollars in the aggregate, the principal occupation of such individual, the name of the individual's employer, if any, and a statement indicating whether the individual or a business with which he is associated has a contract with the state which is valued at more than five thousand dollars; [(I)] (H) for each itemized contribution made by a lobbyist, the spouse of a lobbyist or any dependent child of a lobbyist who resides in the lobbyist's household, a statement to that effect, if applicable; and [(J)] (I) for each individual who contributes in excess of four hundred dollars in the aggregate to or for the benefit of any candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or election to the office of chief executive officer of a town, city or borough, a statement indicating whether the individual or a business with which he is associated has a contract with said municipality that is valued at more than five thousand dollars. Each campaign treasurer shall include in such statement (i) an itemized accounting of the receipts and expenditures relative to any testimonial affair held under the provisions of section 9-333k or any other fund-raising affair, which is referred to in subsection (b) of section 9-333b, as amended by this act, and (ii) the date, location and a description of the affair.

(2) Each contributor described in subparagraph [(G), (H), (I) or (J)] (F), (G), (H) or (I) of subdivision (1) of this subsection shall, at the time the contributor makes such a contribution, provide the information which the campaign treasurer is required to include under said subparagraph in the statement filed under subsection (a), (e) or (f) of this section. Notwithstanding any provision of subdivision (2) of section 9-7b, any contributor described in subparagraph [(G)] (F) of subdivision (1) of this subsection who does not provide such information at the time the contributor makes such a contribution and

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any treasurer shall not be subject to the provisions of subdivision (2) of section 9-7b. If a campaign treasurer receives a contribution from an individual which separately, or in the aggregate, is in excess of one thousand dollars and the contributor has not provided the information required by [said] subparagraph [(H)] (G) of subdivision (1) of this subsection or if a campaign treasurer receives a contribution from an individual to or for the benefit of any candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or election to the office of chief executive officer of a town, city or borough, which separately, or in the aggregate, is in excess of four hundred dollars and the contributor has not provided the information required by [said] subparagraph [(])] (I) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, the campaign treasurer: (i) Within three business days after receiving the contribution, shall send a request for such information to the contributor by certified mail, return receipt requested; (ii) shall not deposit the contribution until the campaign treasurer obtains such information from the contributor, notwithstanding the provisions of section 9-333h; and (iii) shall return the contribution to the contributor if the contributor does not provide the required information within fourteen days after the treasurer's written request or the end of the reporting period in which the contribution was received, whichever is later. Any failure of a contributor to provide the information which the campaign treasurer is required to include under [said] subparagraph [(G) or (I)] (F) or (H) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, which results in noncompliance by the campaign treasurer with the provisions of [said] subparagraph [(G) or (I)] (F) or (H) of subdivision (1) of this subsection, shall be a complete defense to any action against the campaign treasurer for failure to disclose such information.

(3) Contributions from a single individual to a campaign treasurer in the aggregate totaling thirty dollars or less need not be individually identified in the statement, but a sum representing the total amount of all such contributions made by all such individuals during the period to be covered by such statement shall be a separate entry, identified only by the words "total contributions from small contributors".

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- 176 (4) Statements filed in accordance with this section shall remain 177 public records of the state for five years from the date such statements 178 are filed.
- Sec. 3. Subsection (e) of section 9-333*l* of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 2005):
- 182 (e) For purposes of this subsection and subsection (f) of this section, 183 the exclusions to the term "contribution" in subsection (b) of section 9-333b, as amended by this act, shall not apply; the term "state office" 184 185 means the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, 186 State Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State; and the term "state officer" means the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, 187 Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of 188 189 the State. Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter to the 190 contrary, during any regular session of the General Assembly, during 191 any special session of the General Assembly held between the 192 adjournment of the regular session in an odd-numbered year and the 193 convening of the regular session in the following even-numbered year 194 or during any reconvened session of the General Assembly held in an 195 odd-numbered year to reconsider vetoed bills, (1) no lobbyist or 196 political committee established by or on behalf of a lobbyist shall make 197 or offer to make a contribution to or on behalf of, and no lobbyist shall 198 solicit a contribution on behalf of [, (A) a candidate or exploratory 199 committee established by a candidate for nomination or election to the 200 General Assembly or a state office or (B)] a political committee [(i)] (A) 201 established for an assembly or senatorial district, [(ii)] or (B) 202 established by a member of the General Assembly or a state officer or 203 such member or officer's agent, or in consultation with, or at the 204 request or suggestion of, any such member, officer or agent, [or (iii) 205 controlled by such member, officer or agent, to aid or promote the 206 nomination or election of any candidate or candidates to the General 207 Assembly or a state office, and (2) no such [candidate or] political 208 committee shall accept such a contribution. [The provisions of this

209 subsection shall not apply to a candidate committee established by a 210 member of the General Assembly or a candidate for nomination or 211 election to the General Assembly, at a special election for the General 212 Assembly, from the date on which the candidate or the chairman of the 213 committee files the designation of a campaign treasurer and a 214 depository institution under section 9-333d with the Secretary of the 215 State, to the date on which the special election is held, inclusive, or to 216 an exploratory committee established by a member of the General 217 Assembly to promote his candidacy for an office other than the 218 General Assembly.]

- Sec. 4. Subsection (g) of section 9-333*l* of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 2005)
- 222 (g) As used in this subsection, "immediate family" means any 223 spouse or dependent child who resides in a lobbyist's household. Each 224 lobbyist who is an individual and, in conjunction with members of his 225 immediate family, makes contributions to or purchases from 226 committees exceeding one thousand dollars in the aggregate during 227 the twelve-month period beginning July 1, 1993, or July first in any 228 year thereafter, shall file a statement, sworn under penalty of false 229 statement, with the Secretary of the State in accordance with the 230 provisions of section 9-333e, on the second Thursday in July following 231 the end of such twelve-month period. The statement shall include: (1) 232 The name of each committee to which the lobbyist or a member of his 233 immediate family has made a contribution and the amount and date of 234 each such contribution; and (2) the name of each committee from 235 which the lobbyist or member of his immediate family has purchased 236 any item of property [or advertising space in a program] in connection 237 with a fund-raising event which is not considered a contribution under 238 subsection (b) of section 9-333b, as amended by this act, and the 239 amount, date and description of each such purchase. Each lobbyist 240 who is an individual and who, in conjunction with members of his 241 immediate family, does not make contributions to or purchases from

- 242 committees exceeding one thousand dollars in the aggregate during 243 any such twelve-month period shall file a statement, sworn under 244 penalty of false statement, with the Secretary of the State in accordance 245 with the provisions of section 9-333e, on the second Thursday in July, 246 so indicating.
- 247 Sec. 5. Section 9-333m of the general statutes is repealed and the 248 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):
- 249 (a) No individual shall make a contribution or contributions to, for 250 the benefit of, or pursuant to the authorization or request of, a 251 candidate or a committee supporting or opposing any candidate's 252 campaign for nomination at a primary, or any candidate's campaign 253 for election, to the office of (1) Governor, in excess of [two thousand 254 five hundred one thousand two hundred fifty dollars; (2) Lieutenant 255 Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller or Attorney 256 General, in excess of [one thousand five hundred] seven hundred fifty 257 dollars; (3) chief executive officer of a town, city or borough, in excess 258 of one thousand dollars; (4) [state senator or] probate judge, in excess 259 of five hundred dollars; [or (5) state representative or] (5) state senator, 260 in excess of two hundred fifty dollars; (6) state representative, in excess 261 of one hundred twenty-five dollars; or (7) any other office of a 262 municipality not previously included in this subsection, in excess of 263 two hundred fifty dollars. The limits imposed by this subsection shall 264 be applied separately to primaries and elections.
 - (b) No individual shall make a contribution or contributions to, or for the benefit of, an exploratory committee in excess of one hundred twenty-five dollars or a political committee formed by a slate of candidates in a primary for the office of justice of the peace, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars.
- 270 (c) No individual shall make contributions to such candidates or committees which in the aggregate exceed fifteen thousand dollars for 272 any single election and primary preliminary thereto.

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- (d) No individual shall make a contribution to any candidate or committee, other than a contribution in kind, in excess of one hundred dollars except by personal check or credit card of that individual.
- (e) No individual who is less than sixteen years of age shall make a contribution or contributions, in excess of thirty dollars to, for the benefit of, or pursuant to the authorization or request of: (1) A candidate or a committee supporting or opposing any candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary to any office; (2) a candidate or a committee supporting or opposing any candidate's campaign for election to any office; (3) an exploratory committee; (4) any other political committee in any calendar year; or (5) a party committee in any calendar year. Notwithstanding any provision of subdivision (2) of section 9-7b, any individual who is less than sixteen years of age who violates any provision of this subsection shall not be subject to the provisions of subdivision (2) of section 9-7b.
- Sec. 6. Section 9-333n of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):
 - (a) No individual shall make a contribution or contributions in any one calendar year in excess of five thousand dollars to the state central committee of any party, or for the benefit of such committee pursuant to its authorization or request; or one thousand dollars to a town committee of any political party, or for the benefit of such committee pursuant to its authorization or request; or one thousand dollars to a political committee other than (1) a political committee formed solely to aid or promote the success or defeat of a referendum question, (2) an exploratory committee, (3) a political committee established by an organization, or for the benefit of such committee pursuant to its authorization or request, or (4) a political committee formed by a slate of candidates in a primary for the office of justice of the peace of the same town.
- 303 (b) No individual shall make a contribution to a political committee 304 established by an organization which receives its funds from the

organization's treasury. With respect to a political committee established by an organization which has complied with the provisions of subsection (b) or (c) of section 9-333p, and has elected to receive contributions, no individual other than a member of the organization may make contributions to the committee, in which case the individual may contribute not more than five hundred dollars in any one calendar year to such committee or for the benefit of such committee pursuant to its authorization or request.

- (c) In no event may any individual make contributions to a candidate committee and a political committee formed solely to support one candidate other than an exploratory committee or for the benefit of a candidate committee and a political committee formed solely to support one candidate pursuant to the authorization or request of any such committee, in an amount which in the aggregate is in excess of the maximum amount which may be contributed to the candidate.
- (d) Any individual may make unlimited contributions or expenditures to aid or promote the success or defeat of any referendum question, provided any individual who makes an expenditure or expenditures in excess of one thousand dollars to promote the success or defeat of any referendum question shall file statements according to the same schedule and in the same manner as is required of a campaign treasurer of a political committee under section 9-333j.
- (e) Any individual acting alone may, independent of any candidate, agent of the candidate, or committee, make unlimited expenditures to promote the success or defeat of any candidate's campaign for election, or nomination at a primary, to any office or position, provided any individual who makes an independent expenditure or expenditures in excess of one thousand dollars to promote the success or defeat of any candidate's campaign for election, or nomination at a primary, to any such office or position shall file statements according to the same

schedule and in the same manner as is required of a campaign treasurer of a candidate committee under section 9-333j.

- (f) (1) As used in this subsection and subsection (f) of section 9-333j, (A) "investment services" means investment legal services, investment banking services, investment advisory services, underwriting services, financial advisory services or brokerage firm services, and (B) "principal of an investment services firm" means (i) an individual who is a director of or has an ownership interest in an investment services firm to which the State Treasurer pays compensation, expenses or fees or issues a contract, except for an individual who owns less than five per cent of the shares of an investment services firm which is a publicly traded corporation, (ii) an individual who is employed by such an investment services firm as president, treasurer, or executive or senior vice president, (iii) an employee of such an investment services firm who has managerial or discretionary responsibilities with respect to any investment services provided to the State Treasurer, (iv) the spouse or a dependent child of an individual described in this subparagraph, or (v) a political committee established by or on behalf of an individual described in this subparagraph.
- (2) No principal of an investment services firm shall make a contribution to, or solicit contributions on behalf of, an exploratory committee or candidate committee established by a candidate for nomination or election to the office of State Treasurer during the term of office of the State Treasurer who pays compensation, expenses or fees or issues a contract to such firm.
- (3) Neither the State Treasurer, the Deputy State Treasurer, any unclassified employee of the office of the State Treasurer acting on behalf of the State Treasurer or Deputy State Treasurer, any candidate for the office of State Treasurer, any member of the Investment Advisory Council established under section 3-13b nor any agent of any such candidate may solicit contributions on behalf of an exploratory committee or candidate committee established by a candidate for

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- nomination or election to any public office, a political committee or a party committee, from a principal of an investment services firm, except that the prohibition in this subsection shall not apply to an incumbent State Treasurer who establishes an exploratory committee or candidate committee for any public office other than State Treasurer.
 - (4) No member of the Investment Advisory Council appointed under section 3-13b shall make a contribution to, or solicit contributions on behalf of, an exploratory committee or candidate committee established by a candidate for nomination or election to the office of State Treasurer.
 - (5) The provisions of this subsection shall not restrict an individual from establishing an exploratory or candidate committee for the individual's own campaign or from soliciting contributions for such committees from persons not prohibited from making contributions under this subsection.
- 385 (g) (1) No individual who is an owner, partner, director or officer, or a manager having substantial policy or decision-making authority, of a 386 387 business entity which has a contract with the state or is seeking a 388 contract with the state, shall make a contribution or contributions to, 389 for the benefit of, or pursuant to the authorization or request of, a 390 candidate or a committee supporting or opposing any candidate's 391 campaign for nomination at a primary, or any candidate's campaign 392 for election, to the office of (A) Governor; (B) Lieutenant Governor, 393 Secretary of the State, Comptroller or Attorney General; (C) Treasurer, 394 with regard to individuals not subject to the prohibition under 395 subdivision (2) of subsection (f) of this section; (D) state senator; or (E) 396 state representative; or an exploratory committee.
- 397 (2) No such candidate or committee shall accept such a contribution.
- 398 (h) (1) No lobbyist shall make a contribution or contributions to, for 399 the benefit of, or pursuant to the authorization or request of, a

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- 400 <u>candidate or a committee supporting or opposing any candidate's</u>
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- 402 for election, to the office of (A) Governor; (B) Lieutenant Governor,
- Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller or Attorney General; (C)
- 404 state senator; or (D) state representative; or an exploratory committee.
- 405 (2) No such candidate or committee shall accept such a contribution.
- 406 (i) No lobbyist may solicit a contribution or contributions to, for the
- 407 <u>benefit of, or pursuant to the authorization or request of, a candidate</u>
- 408 or a committee supporting or opposing any candidate's campaign for
- 409 nomination at a primary, or any candidate's campaign for election, to
- 410 the office of (1) Governor; (2) Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the
- State, Treasurer, Comptroller or Attorney General; (3) state senator; or
- 412 (4) state representative; or an exploratory committee.
- Sec. 7. Section 9-3330 of the general statutes is repealed and the
- following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):
- 415 (a) No business entity shall make any contributions or expenditures
- 416 to, or for the benefit of, any candidate's campaign for election to any
- 417 public office or position subject to this chapter or for nomination at a
- 418 primary for any such office or position, or to promote the defeat of any
- candidate for any such office or position, or to promote the success or
- 420 defeat of any political party, except as provided in subsection (b) of
- 421 this section.
- 422 (b) A business entity may make reasonable and necessary transfers
- 423 or disbursements to or for the benefit of a political committee
- 424 established by such business entity, for the administration of, or
- solicitation of contributions to, such political committee. Nonmonetary
- 426 contributions by a business entity which are incidental in nature and
- 427 are directly attributable to the administration of such political
- 428 committee shall be exempt from the reporting requirements of this
- 429 chapter. No business entity shall form more than one political
- 430 committee.

- (c) The provisions of this section shall not preclude a business entity from making contributions or expenditures to promote the success or defeat of a referendum question.
- 434 (d) A political committee organized by a business entity shall not 435 make a contribution or contributions to or for the benefit of any 436 candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or any candidate's 437 campaign for election to the office of: (1) Governor, in excess of [five 438 thousand two thousand five hundred dollars; (2) Lieutenant 439 Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller or Attorney 440 General, in excess of [three thousand] one thousand five hundred 441 dollars; (3) [state senator,] probate judge or chief executive officer of a 442 town, city or borough, in excess of one thousand dollars; (4) state 443 senator, in excess of five hundred dollars; (5) state representative, in 444 excess of [five hundred] two hundred fifty dollars; or [(5)] (6) any other 445 office of a municipality not included in subdivision (3) of this 446 subsection, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars; or an exploratory 447 committee, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars. The limits imposed 448 by this subsection shall apply separately to primaries and elections and 449 contributions by any such committee to candidates designated in this 450 subsection shall not exceed one hundred thousand dollars in the 451 aggregate for any single election and primary preliminary thereto. 452 Contributions to such committees shall also be subject to the 453 provisions of section 9-333t, as amended by this act, in the case of 454 committees formed for ongoing political activity or section 9-333u in 455 the case of committees formed for a single election or primary.
 - (e) A political committee organized by a business entity may make unlimited contributions to, or for the benefit of, another political committee organized by a business entity or to a party committee. [No political committee organized by a business entity shall make a contribution to an exploratory committee in excess of two hundred fifty dollars.] No such political committee shall make a contribution or contributions in excess of two thousand dollars to any other kind of political committee, in any one calendar year if organized for ongoing

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political activities, or if formed for a single primary, election or referendum, with respect to such primary, election or referendum.

- (f) As used in this subsection, "investment services" means investment legal services, investment banking services, investment advisory services, underwriting services, financial advisory services or brokerage firm services. No political committee established by a firm which provides investment services and to which the State Treasurer pays compensation, expenses or fees or issues a contract shall make a contribution to, or solicit contributions on behalf of, an exploratory committee or candidate committee established by a candidate for nomination or election to the office of State Treasurer during the term of office of the State Treasurer who does business with such firm.
- Sec. 8. Section 9-333q of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):
 - (a) No political committee established by an organization shall make a contribution or contributions to, or for the benefit of, any candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or for election to the office of: (1) Governor, in excess of [two thousand five hundred] one thousand two hundred fifty dollars; (2) Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller or Attorney General, in excess of [one thousand five hundred] seven hundred fifty dollars; (3) chief executive officer of a town, city or borough, in excess of one thousand dollars; (4) [state senator or] probate judge, in excess of five hundred dollars; [or (5) state representative or] (5) state senator, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars; (6) state representative, in excess of one hundred twenty-five dollars; or (7) any other office of a municipality not previously included in this subsection, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars.
 - (b) No such committee shall make a contribution or contributions to, or for the benefit of, an exploratory committee, in excess of [two hundred fifty] one hundred twenty-five dollars. Any such committee may make unlimited contributions to a political committee formed

- 496 solely to aid or promote the success or defeat of a referendum 497 question.
- (c) The limits imposed by subsection (a) of this section shall apply 499 separately to primaries and elections and no such committee shall make contributions to the candidates designated in this section which in the aggregate exceed fifty thousand dollars for any single election and primary preliminary thereto. 502
 - (d) No political committee established by an organization shall make contributions in any one calendar year to, or for the benefit of, (1) the state central committee of a political party, in excess of five thousand dollars; (2) a town committee, in excess of one thousand dollars; or (3) any political committee, other than an exploratory committee or a committee formed solely to aid or promote the success or defeat of a referendum question, in excess of two thousand dollars.
 - (e) No political committee established by an organization shall make contributions to the committees designated in subsection (d) of this section, which in the aggregate exceed fifteen thousand dollars in any one calendar year. Contributions to a political committee established by an organization shall also be subject to the provisions of section 9-333t, as amended by this act, in the case of a committee formed for ongoing political activity or section 9-333u in the case of a committee formed for a single election or primary.
- 518 Sec. 9. Section 9-333s of the general statutes is repealed and the 519 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):
- 520 (a) A party committee may make unlimited contributions to, or for 521 the benefit of, any of the following: (1) Another party committee; (2) a 522 candidate committee of a candidate for nomination or election to the 523 office of probate judge or any office of a municipality; (3) a national 524 committee of a political party; (4) a committee of a candidate for 525 federal or out-of-state office; or (5) a political committee. No party 526 committee shall make a contribution or contributions to, or for the

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- benefit of, any candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or for election to the office of: (A) Governor, in excess of five thousand dollars; (B) Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller or Attorney General, in excess of three thousand dollars; (C) state senator, in excess of one thousand dollars; or (D) state representative, in excess of five hundred dollars; or an exploratory committee establish by a candidate for nomination or election to any of said offices, in excess of five hundred dollars. A party committee may also make contributions to a charitable organization which is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as from time to time amended, or make memorial contributions. A town committee may also contribute to a scholarship awarded by a high school on the basis of objective criteria.
 - (b) A party committee may receive contributions from a federal account of a national committee of a political party, but may not receive contributions from any other account of a national committee of a political party or from a committee of a candidate for federal or out-of-state office, for use in the election of candidates subject to the provisions of this chapter.
 - Sec. 10. Section 9-333t of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):
 - (a) A political committee organized for ongoing political activities may make unlimited contributions to, or for the benefit of, a party committee; any national committee of a political party; a candidate committee of a candidate for nomination or election to the office of probate judge or any office of a municipality; or a committee of a candidate for federal or out-of-state office. No political committee organized for ongoing political activities shall make a contribution or contributions to, or for the benefit of, any candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or for election to the office of: (1) Governor, in excess of two thousand five hundred dollars; (2) Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller or Attorney General, in

excess of one thousand five hundred dollars; (3) state senator, in excess of five hundred dollars; (4) state representative, in excess of two hundred fifty dollars; or an exploratory committee established by a candidate for nomination or election to any of said offices, in excess of one hundred twenty-five dollars. No such political committee shall make a contribution or contributions in excess of two thousand dollars to another political committee in any calendar year except that a political committee organized by a business entity may make unlimited contributions to, or for the benefit of, another political committee organized by a business entity. [No political committee organized for ongoing political activities shall make a contribution in excess of two hundred fifty dollars to an exploratory committee.] If such an ongoing committee is established by an organization or a business entity, its contributions shall be subject to the limits imposed by sections 9-3330 to 9-333q, inclusive, as amended by this act. A political committee organized for ongoing political activities may make contributions to a charitable organization which is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, as from time to time amended, or make memorial contributions.

- (b) A political committee organized for ongoing political activities may receive contributions from the federal account of a national committee of a political party, but may not receive contributions from any other account of a national committee of a political party or from a committee of a candidate for federal or out-of-state office.
- (c) No member of the General Assembly or such member's agent, or a candidate for nomination or election to the General Assembly or such candidate's agent, may establish a political committee to aid or promote the nomination or election of any candidate or candidates to the General Assembly or a state office, except that the majority and minority parties in the House of Representatives and the Senate may each establish no more than one political committee.
- 590 (d) (1) No political committee established by or on behalf of a

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- 591 <u>lobbyist shall make a contribution or contributions to, for the benefit</u>
- 592 of, or pursuant to the authorization or request of, a candidate or a
- 593 <u>committee supporting or opposing any candidate's campaign for</u>
- 594 <u>nomination at a primary, or any candidate's campaign for election, to</u>
- 595 <u>the office of: (A) Governor; (B) Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the</u>
- 596 State, Treasurer, Comptroller or Attorney General; (C) state senator; or
- 597 (D) state representative; or an exploratory committee.
- 598 (2) No such candidate or committee shall accept such a contribution.
- (e) No political committee established by or on behalf of a lobbyist
- 600 may solicit a contribution or contributions to, for the benefit of, or
- 601 pursuant to the authorization or request of, a candidate or a committee
- 602 supporting or opposing any candidate's campaign for nomination at a
- primary, or any candidate's campaign for election, to the office of: (1)
- 604 Governor; (2) Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the State, Treasurer,
- 605 Comptroller or Attorney General; (3) state senator; or (4) state
- 606 <u>representative; or an exploratory committee.</u>
- Sec. 11. Section 9-333w of the general statutes is amended by adding
- subsection (g) as follows (*Effective July 1, 2005*):
- (NEW) (g) (1) As used in this subsection, "written or electronic
- 610 communication" means any written, typed or other printed
- 611 communication, any radio or television broadcast or any web site
- 612 content available on the Internet.
- 613 (2) Any political committee or party committee, individual working
- on behalf of any such committee or individual making an independent
- expenditure, who specifically promotes the success or defeat of any
- candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or election through
- any written or electronic communication that includes the name or
- depiction of said candidate, shall provide a copy of the communication
- 619 to said candidate or the candidate committee of the candidate at least
- 620 twenty-four hours before the communication is distributed, broadcast
- or made available on the Internet.

- (3) Any candidate, candidate committee or individual working on behalf of any such candidate or candidate committee, who specifically promotes the success or defeat of any other candidate's campaign for nomination at a primary or election through any written or electronic communication that includes the name or depiction of said other candidate, shall provide a copy of the communication to said other candidate or the candidate committee of said candidate at least twenty-four hours before the communication is distributed, broadcast or made available on the Internet.
- Sec. 12. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2005) A candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer, Secretary of the State, state senator or state representative may accept contributions described in subparagraph (B)(xv) of subdivision (20) of subsection (a) of section 12-701 of the general statutes, as amended by this act, which qualify for income tax modification, if the candidate files an affidavit certifying under section 13 of this act that the candidate agrees to limit campaign expenditures to the applicable amounts set forth in sections 14 to 17, inclusive, of this act.
 - Sec. 13. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) (a) Each candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer, Secretary of the State, state senator or state representative shall file an affidavit with the Secretary of the State, at the same time that the candidate files either a committee statement under subsection (a) of section 9-333f of the general statutes or a certification under subsection (b) of said section 9-333f. The affidavit shall include a written certification that the candidate either agrees to limit campaign expenditures to the applicable amounts set forth in sections 14 to 17, inclusive, of this act, or does not agree to limit such campaign expenditures. The Secretary of the State shall forward a copy of each filed affidavit to the Commissioner of Revenue Services.

- (b) The Secretary of the State shall prepare and make such affidavit forms available to candidates.
 - (c) A candidate who certifies the candidate's agreement to limit campaign expenditures to the applicable amounts set forth in sections 14 to 17, inclusive, of this act shall be referred to in sections 14 to 17, inclusive, and 19 and 20 of this act as a "participating candidate" and a candidate who certifies that the candidate does not agree to limit such campaign expenditures shall be referred to in this section as a "nonparticipating candidate". The Secretary of the State shall prepare a list of the participating candidates and a list of the nonparticipating candidates and shall make such lists available for public inspection.
 - Sec. 14. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) (a) The candidate committee of a participating candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor, who does not have a primary for nomination to said office, shall limit expenditures for each portion of the campaign for said office as follows: (1) Selection and support of delegates to a convention or circulation of petitions pursuant to sections 9-404a to 9-404c, inclusive, of the general statutes, not more than two hundred fifty thousand dollars; and (2) general election, three million dollars.
 - (b) The candidate committee of a participating candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor, who has a primary for nomination to said office, shall limit expenditures for each portion of the campaign for said office as follows: (1) Selection and support of delegates to a convention or circulation of petitions pursuant to sections 9-404a to 9-404c, inclusive, of the general statutes, not more than two hundred fifty thousand dollars; (2) primary for nomination, one million two hundred fifty thousand dollars; and (3) general election, two million two hundred twenty-five thousand dollars.
- Sec. 15. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) (a) The candidate committee of a participating candidate for nomination or election to the office of Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State, who does not have a primary for

nomination to said office, shall limit expenditures for each portion of the campaign for said office as follows: (1) Selection and support of delegates to a convention or circulation of petitions pursuant to sections 9-404a to 9-404c, inclusive, of the general statutes, not more than fifteen thousand dollars; and (2) general election, five hundred thousand dollars.

(b) The candidate committee of a participating candidate for nomination or election to the office of Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer or Secretary of the State, who has a primary for nomination to said office, shall limit expenditures for each portion of the campaign for said office as follows: (1) Selection and support of delegates to a convention or circulation of petitions pursuant to sections 9-404a to 9-404c, inclusive, of the general statutes, not more than fifteen thousand dollars; (2) primary for nomination, one hundred seventy-five thousand dollars; and (3) general election, four hundred twenty-five thousand dollars.

Sec. 16. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) (a) The candidate committee of a participating candidate for nomination or election to the office of state senator, who does not have a primary for nomination to said office, shall limit expenditures for each portion of the campaign for said office as follows: (1) Selection and support of delegates to a convention or circulation of petitions pursuant to sections 9-404a to 9-404c, inclusive, of the general statutes, not more than five thousand dollars; and (2) general election, eighty thousand dollars.

(b) The candidate committee of a participating candidate for nomination or election to the office of state senator, who has a primary for nomination to said office, shall limit expenditures for each portion of the campaign for said office as follows: (1) Selection and support of delegates to a convention or circulation of petitions pursuant to sections 9-404a to 9-404c, inclusive, of the general statutes, not more than five thousand dollars; (2) primary for nomination, thirty-five thousand dollars; and (3) general election, sixty-five thousand dollars.

718 Sec. 17. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2005) (a) The candidate committee of 719 a participating candidate for nomination or election to the office of 720 state representative, who does not have a primary for nomination to 721 said office, shall limit expenditures for each portion of the campaign 722 for said office as follows: (1) Selection and support of delegates to a 723 convention or circulation of petitions pursuant to sections 9-404a to 9-724 404c, inclusive, of the general statutes, not more than two thousand 725 five hundred dollars; and (2) general election, twenty thousand 726 dollars.

- (b) The candidate committee of a participating candidate for nomination or election to the office of state representative, who has a primary for nomination to said office, shall limit expenditures for each portion of the campaign for said office as follows: (1) Selection and support of delegates to a convention or circulation of petitions pursuant to sections 9-404a to 9-404c, inclusive, of the general statutes, not more than two thousand five hundred dollars; (2) primary for nomination, six thousand five hundred dollars; and (3) general election, seventeen thousand five hundred dollars.
- Sec. 18. Subdivision (20) of subsection (a) of section 12-701 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):
- 739 (20) "Connecticut adjusted gross income" means adjusted gross income, with the following modifications:
 - (A) There shall be added thereto (i) to the extent not properly includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes, any interest income from obligations issued by or on behalf of any state, political subdivision thereof, or public instrumentality, state or local authority, district or similar public entity, exclusive of such income from obligations issued by or on behalf of the state of Connecticut, any political subdivision thereof, or public instrumentality, state or local authority, district or similar public entity created under the laws of the state of Connecticut and exclusive of any such income with respect to

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which taxation by any state is prohibited by federal law, (ii) any exempt-interest dividends, as defined in Section 852(b)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code, exclusive of such exempt-interest dividends derived from obligations issued by or on behalf of the state of political subdivision Connecticut, any thereof. public instrumentality, state or local authority, district or similar public entity created under the laws of the state of Connecticut and exclusive of such exempt-interest dividends derived from obligations, the income with respect to which taxation by any state is prohibited by federal law, (iii) any interest or dividend income on obligations or securities of any authority, commission or instrumentality of the United States which federal law exempts from federal income tax but does not exempt from state income taxes, (iv) to the extent included in gross income for federal income tax purposes for the taxable year, the total taxable amount of a lump sum distribution for the taxable year deductible from such gross income in calculating federal adjusted gross income, (v) to the extent properly includable in determining the net gain or loss from the sale or other disposition of capital assets for federal income tax purposes, any loss from the sale or exchange of obligations issued by or on behalf of the state of Connecticut, any political subdivision thereof, or public instrumentality, state or local authority, district or similar public entity created under the laws of the state of Connecticut, in the income year such loss was recognized, (vi) to the extent deductible in determining federal adjusted gross income, any income taxes imposed by this state, (vii) to the extent deductible in determining federal adjusted gross income, any interest on indebtedness incurred or continued to purchase or carry obligations or securities the interest on which is exempt from tax under this chapter, (viii) expenses paid or incurred during the taxable year for the production or collection of income which is exempt from taxation under this chapter or the management, conservation or maintenance of property held for the production of such income, and the amortizable bond premium for the taxable year on any bond the interest on which is exempt from tax under this chapter to the extent that such expenses

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and premiums are deductible in determining federal adjusted gross income, and (ix) for property placed in service after September 10, 2001, but prior to September 11, 2004, in taxable years ending after September 10, 2001, any additional allowance for depreciation under subsection (k) of Section 168 of the Internal Revenue Code, as provided by Section 101 of the Job Creation and Worker Assistance Act of 2002, to the extent deductible in determining federal adjusted gross income.

(B) There shall be subtracted therefrom (i) to the extent properly includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes, any income with respect to which taxation by any state is prohibited by federal law, (ii) to the extent allowable under section 12-718, exempt dividends paid by a regulated investment company, (iii) the amount of any refund or credit for overpayment of income taxes imposed by this state, or any other state of the United States or a political subdivision thereof, or the District of Columbia, to the extent properly includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes, (iv) to the extent properly includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes and not otherwise subtracted from federal adjusted gross income pursuant to clause (x) of this subparagraph in computing Connecticut adjusted gross income, any tier 1 railroad retirement benefits, (v) to the extent any additional allowance for depreciation under Section 168(k) of the Internal Revenue Code, as provided by Section 101 of the Job Creation and Worker Assistance Act of 2002, for property placed in service after December 31, 2001, but prior to September 10, 2004, was added to federal adjusted gross income pursuant to subparagraph (A) (ix) of this subdivision in computing Connecticut adjusted gross income for a taxable year ending after December 31, 2001, twenty-five per cent of such additional allowance for depreciation in each of the four succeeding taxable years, (vi) to the extent properly includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes, any interest income from obligations issued by or on behalf of the state of Connecticut, any political subdivision thereof, or public instrumentality, state or local authority, district or similar public entity created under the laws of the state of Connecticut, (vii) to the extent properly includable in

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determining the net gain or loss from the sale or other disposition of capital assets for federal income tax purposes, any gain from the sale or exchange of obligations issued by or on behalf of the state of Connecticut, any political subdivision thereof, public instrumentality, state or local authority, district or similar public entity created under the laws of the state of Connecticut, in the income year such gain was recognized, (viii) any interest on indebtedness incurred or continued to purchase or carry obligations or securities the interest on which is subject to tax under this chapter but exempt from federal income tax, to the extent that such interest on indebtedness is not deductible in determining federal adjusted gross income and is attributable to a trade or business carried on by such individual, (ix) ordinary and necessary expenses paid or incurred during the taxable year for the production or collection of income which is subject to taxation under this chapter but exempt from federal income tax, or the management, conservation or maintenance of property held for the production of such income, and the amortizable bond premium for the taxable year on any bond the interest on which is subject to tax under this chapter but exempt from federal income tax, to the extent that such expenses and premiums are not deductible in determining federal adjusted gross income and are attributable to a trade or business carried on by such individual, (x) (I) for a person who files a return under the federal income tax as an unmarried individual whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than fifty thousand dollars, or as a married individual filing separately whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than fifty thousand dollars, or for a husband and wife who file a return under the federal income tax as married individuals filing jointly whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than sixty thousand dollars or a person who files a return under the federal income tax as a head of household whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than sixty thousand dollars, an amount equal to the Social Security benefits includable for federal income tax purposes; and (II) for a person who files a return under the

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federal income tax as an unmarried individual whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is fifty thousand dollars or more, or as a married individual filing separately whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is fifty thousand dollars or more, or for a husband and wife who file a return under the federal income tax as married individuals filing jointly whose federal adjusted gross income from such taxable year is sixty thousand dollars or more or for a person who files a return under the federal income tax as a head of household whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is sixty thousand dollars or more, an amount equal to the difference between the amount of Social Security benefits includable for federal income tax purposes and the lesser of twenty-five per cent of the Social Security benefits received during the taxable year, or twenty-five per cent of the excess described in Section 86(b)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code, (xi) to the extent properly includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes, any amount rebated to a taxpayer pursuant to section 12-746, (xii) to the extent properly includable in the gross income for federal income tax purposes of a designated beneficiary, any distribution to such beneficiary from any qualified state tuition program, as defined in Section 529(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, established and maintained by this state or any official, agency or instrumentality of the state, (xiii) to the extent properly includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes, the amount of any Holocaust victims' settlement payment received in the taxable year by a Holocaust victim, [and] (xiv) to the extent properly includable in gross income for federal income tax purposes of an account holder, as defined in section 31-51ww, interest earned on funds deposited in the individual development account, as defined in section 31-51ww, of such account holder, and (xv) the amount of any contribution made during the taxable year to a candidate committee of a candidate for nomination or election to the office of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, State Treasurer, Secretary of the State, state senator or state representative who has filed an affidavit certifying under section 13 of this act that the candidate agrees to limit

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campaign expenditures to the applicable amounts set forth in sections 14 to 17, inclusive, of this act, provided (I) the total amount of all such contributions that shall be subtracted from adjusted gross income shall not exceed fifty dollars in the case of a contribution or contributions made by a person filing a return as an individual or one hundred dollars in the case of a contribution or contributions made by a married person or persons filing a joint return, and (II) the taxpayer attaches to the tax return a signed contribution receipt described in section 19 of this act for each such contribution.

(C) With respect to a person who is the beneficiary of a trust or estate, there shall be added or subtracted, as the case may be, from adjusted gross income such person's share, as determined under section 12-714, in the Connecticut fiduciary adjustment.

Sec. 19. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2005*) (a) The Secretary of the State shall make contribution receipt forms available to participating candidates for contributions that qualify for an income tax modification under subparagraph (B)(xv) of subdivision (20) of subsection (a) of section 12-701 of the general statutes, as amended by this act. Such forms shall state in boldface type that (1) the contributor being given the receipt qualifies for said income tax modification, and (2) the candidate to whom the contribution was made filed an affidavit certifying under section 13 of this act that the candidate agrees to limit campaign expenditures to the applicable amounts set forth in sections 14 to 17, inclusive, of this act. The receipt forms shall be numbered.

- (b) Each participating candidate who receives a contribution shall give the contributor two copies of the contribution receipt described in subsection (a) of this section, which shall be signed by the candidate or the campaign treasurer of the candidate committee.
- (c) A nonparticipating candidate or the campaign treasurer of the candidate committee of a nonparticipating candidate who intentionally gives a contributor a receipt under this section or a facsimile of such a receipt shall be fined not more than two thousand dollars or

918 imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

- 919 Sec. 20. (NEW) (Effective July 1, 2005) If the campaign expenditures 920 of a nonparticipating candidate exceeds an applicable expenditure 921 limit set forth in sections 14 to 17, inclusive, of this act and there is a 922 participating candidate for the same office, the nonparticipating 923 candidate shall notify the Secretary of the State and the participating 924 candidate of such excess expenditures, in writing, within twenty-four 925 hours of making such excess expenditures. Upon receipt of such 926 notice, the participating candidate, upon filing a notice with the 927 Secretary, may make campaign expenditures exceeding the applicable 928 expenditure limit. Contributions to such participating candidate shall 929 continue to qualify for the income tax modification under 930 subparagraph (B)(xv) of subdivision (20) of subsection (a) of section 12-931 701 of the general statutes, as amended by this act.
- 932 Sec. 21. Section 9-348ee of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):
 - (a) The Secretary of the State shall (1) not later than July 1, 1998, create a software program or programs for the preparation of financial disclosure statements required by section 9-333j, as amended by this act, and (2) not later than July 1, 1999, prescribe the standard reporting format and specifications for other software programs created by vendors for such purpose, subject to the approval, for legal sufficiency, of the State Elections Enforcement Commission. No software program created by a vendor may be used for the electronic submission of such financial disclosure statements, until the Secretary of the State determines that the program provides for the standard reporting format, and complies with the specifications, which are prescribed under subdivision (2) of this subsection for vendor software programs. The secretary, in consultation with the commission, shall provide training in the use of the software program or programs created by the secretary.
- 949 (b) On and after [January 1, 1999] <u>July 1, 2005</u>, the campaign

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984 candidate committee for any other candidate, as defined in section 9-985 333a, who is required to file the financial disclosure statements 986 required by section 9-333j with the office of the Secretary of the State 987 and (2) the campaign treasurer of any political committee or party 988 committee, may file in electronic form any financial disclosure statements required by said section 9-333j. Such filings may be made 989 990 by either transmitting disks, tapes or other electronic storage media 991 containing the contents of such statements to the proper authority 992 under section 9-333e or transmitting the statements on-line to such 993 proper authority. Each such campaign treasurer shall use either (A) a 994 software program created by the Secretary of the State under 995 subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of this section, for all such statements 996 filed in electronic form on or after January 1, 1999, or (B) another 997 software program which provides for the standard reporting format, 998 and complies with the specifications, which are prescribed by the 999 secretary under subdivision (2) of subsection (a) of this section, for all 1000 such statements filed in electronic form on or after July 1, 1999. The 1001 proper authority under section 9-333e shall accept any statement that 1002 uses any such software program.]

- Sec. 22. Subdivision (1) of subsection (e) of section 1-79 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):
- 1006 (1) A political contribution otherwise reported as required by law or 1007 a donation or payment as described in subdivision (9) [or (10)] of 1008 subsection (b) of section 9-333b, as amended by this act.
- Sec. 23. Subdivision (1) of subsection (g) of section 1-91 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2005*):
- 1012 (1) A political contribution otherwise reported as required by law or 1013 a donation or payment described in subdivision (9) [or (10)] of 1014 subsection (b) of section 9-333b, as amended by this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following		
sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2005	9-333b(b)
Sec. 2	July 1, 2005	9-333j(c)
Sec. 3	July 1, 2005	9-3331(e)
Sec. 4	July 1, 2005	9-3331(g)
Sec. 5	July 1, 2005	9-333m
Sec. 6	July 1, 2005	9-333n
Sec. 7	July 1, 2005	9-3330
Sec. 8	July 1, 2005	9-333q
Sec. 9	July 1, 2005	9-333s
Sec. 10	July 1, 2005	9-333t
Sec. 11	July 1, 2005	9-333w
Sec. 12	July 1, 2005	New section
Sec. 13	July 1, 2005	New section
Sec. 14	July 1, 2005	New section
Sec. 15	July 1, 2005	New section
Sec. 16	July 1, 2005	New section
Sec. 17	July 1, 2005	New section
Sec. 18	July 1, 2005	12-701(a)(20)
Sec. 19	July 1, 2005	New section
Sec. 20	July 1, 2005	New section
Sec. 21	July 1, 2005	9-348ee
Sec. 22	July 1, 2005	1-79(e)(1)
Sec. 23	July 1, 2005	1-91(g)(1)

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the Governor's budget recommendations.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]